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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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**In the specification**

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-5, as follows:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/918,189 filed August 21, 1997,  
which claims the benefit of a previously filed Provisional Application No. 60/023,427, filed  
August 22, 1996, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 7-8, as follows:

This invention was made with government support from the National Institutes of Health  
under Grant No. IR29AR41046-01. Accordingly, the government has certain rights in the  
invention.

Please replace the Sequence Listing on pages 29-31 with the Sequence Listing submitted  
herewith, as filed on December 21, 2002 in U.S. Serial No. 08/918,189